



Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation formed over twenty years ago in order to effectively advocate for the creation or preservation of state laws, and/or policies designed to protect, preserve, and promote the sustainable and wise use of our state's immense treasure of high quality freshwater resources. Our primary mission will be accomplished by pro-active participation in Michigan's legislative process (lobbying), by participating in court cases whose outcomes may have significant statewide ramifications, and/or by direct involvement with natural resources management, or environment focused state agencies or departments.



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Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Office Seeking Candidates to Serve on the Michigan Wildlife Council

The Michigan Wildlife Council is a governor-appointed, public body established by Michigan Public Act No. 246 of 2013. The nine member Michigan Wildlife Council represents a wide range of residents that share a common vision for Michigan's cherished outdoor traditions – to ensure that they are managed and sustained for future generations. The Michigan Wildlife Council is entrusted with educating the public about the importance of conserving, and effectively managing our state's vast natural legacy of forests, waters, and wildlife.

As stipulated by Michigan Public Act 246 of 2013, members of the Michigan Wildlife Council are intended to represent various stakeholder groups including hunters and anglers; members of the agricultural, and business communities; representatives from rural areas that are affected by hunting and fishing activities; an individual with a media/marketing background; and the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, or a designated representative.

All nine members of the Michigan Wildlife Council are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate.

Readers of this newsletter interested in being considered for appointment to the Michigan Wildlife Council should immediately contact Mr. MoReno Taylor

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Many grant awardees are integrating boat washing into their projects. Recently Clean Boats, Clean Waters joined forces with the Michigan State University and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Mobile Boat Wash outreach program. Photo by Jo Latimore

Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Awards \$19,800 to Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

by Paige Filice, [Michigan State University Extension](#) - February 14, 2021

Seven projects received funding to educate boaters on the importance of cleaning, draining, and drying equipment.

The [Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters](#) program is funding seven outreach projects across Michigan to educate boaters about aquatic invasive species prevention. The awardees include lake associations, watershed groups, local units of government, and other nonprofit organizations. Grant funds will be used to communicate aquatic invasive species prevention information through outreach materials and in-person

events. Projects range from the installation of signage at boat launches to boat and trailer cleaning stations with invasive species removal tools.

2021 Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters Funded Projects

- **The Benzie Conservation District will engage boaters through their Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program in Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties. Staff and volunteers will conduct boat washing events at public and private launch sites throughout the boating season and are installing signage at boat access sites.**
- **The Black Lake Preservation Society is installing boat and trailer cleaning stations with hand removal tools at three public boat access sites on Black Lake in Presque Isle County. They will be hosting grand opening events at each access site to demonstrate how to use the equipment.**
- **The Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds is hosting three outreach events with educational materials at popular public access sites along the lower Grand River in the Grand Rapids region. They are also creating a video demonstrating proper boat cleaning techniques.**
- **The Michigan United Conservation Clubs is sharing prevention information via their Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine and membership newsletters. They are also incorporating Clean Boats, Clean Waters prevention messaging in three of their “On the Water” volunteer watershed habitat improvement project work days on the Clinton River, Manistee River, and in the Bay Mills Watershed.**
- **The Missaukee Conservation District is partnering with the North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and the Missaukee Lake Association to host three outreach events on Lake Missaukee and Lake Cadillac. They will also be distributing educational materials at local businesses and popular tourist destinations.**
- **The Charter Township of Oxford is installing a user-operated, waterless cleaning station that will be equipped with a weed removal tool, plug wrench, boot brush, and interpretive signage at the Stony Lake Township Park in Oakland County. They will be promoting the cleaning station and invasive species prevention activities via media outlets and at three outreach events hosted at township parks throughout the boating season.**
- **The Portage Lake Watershed Forever watershed council in Manistee County is hosting aquatic invasive species education booths at community events throughout the boating season and will be applying parking lot stencils with outreach messaging at popular boating access sites. They are also partnering with local businesses including marinas and bait shops to share educational information.**

Since 2006, Clean Boats, Clean Waters has educated and engaged recreational water users in behaviors that will limit or prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Aquatic invasive species are frequently spread unintentionally on boats and trailers and once introduced they are extremely difficult and expensive to manage. Boater outreach is one tool of many used in Michigan to address invasive species issues. This year, grant funding was available for the first time through the program to support local organizations. The Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters program is a joint effort between [Michigan State University Extension](#) and the [Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy](#). Funding for the program and this grant opportunity is provided by the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#).

The 2021 Clean Boats, Clean Waters funding opportunity was noncompetitive, and complete and eligible applications were funded in the order that they were received until all funds were allocated. Project expenditures range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per grantee. Funds may be available next year through the program. If you would like to be notified of future grant opportunities please visit the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grants [website](#).



**Bring the
Mobile Boat Wash
to your community!**

MSU MOBILE BOAT WASH

It's not too soon to start looking forward to summer, right?

Contact us to book the Mobile Boat Wash for your 2021 event! We will bring our boat cleaning systems, provide boat washes, and educate boaters about how they can help prevent the spread of invasive species. As always, the MBW services are completely free.

Check out [our flyer](#) to learn more.

E-mail us at latimor1@msu.edu in order to get the best date.



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FROM INVASIVE SPECIES
NOW SCHEDULING
2021 EVENTS
MOBILE BOAT WASH
PROJECT

The Mobile Boat Wash unit is an outreach program from Michigan State University designed to educate boaters about aquatic invasive species.

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MNSP Shoreline and Shallows Conference

and



MGLP Lake Conservation Webinar Series

Present the online conference:

A New Wave of Thinking

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

AGENDA

- 10:00am EST *Introduction* – Julia Kirkwood, Chair, Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership and Joe Nohner, Coordinator, Michigan Glacial Lakes Partnership
- 10:10 *Social/community acceptance of natural shorelines: Lessons from 20 years of promoting soft shorelines* – John Hartig, Visiting Scholar at University of Windsor's Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research and Board of Directors of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Detroit
- 11:10 *Promoting lakeshore protection: An introduction to social marketing* – Dr. Bret Shaw, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI and Dr. John Haack, Emeritus University of Wisconsin Extension Natural Resource Educator, Madison, WI
- 12:10 BREAK
- 1:00pm EST *How Waves Work* – Brian Majka, Senior Restoration Ecologist, GEI Consultants
- 2:00 *Defining No-Wake Zones for Wake Surf Boats – A Data Driven Approach* – Alex Ray, Recreation Management Consultant, Payette Environmental Services, LLC
- 3:00 *Wave Energy and the Bioengineering Continuum* – Jen Buchanan, Watershed Protection Director, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Petoskey
- 4:00 Adjourn

Please join the [Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership](#) and [Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership](#) on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 for our virtual free conference on Zoom.

Register on the [MNSP](#) website or directly at [Shoreline Conference](#)

Co-sponsors: Michigan State University Institute of Water Research; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; MSU Extension; and GEI Consultants

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We Need Your Help!

Did you know that a very high percentage of every dollar made available to MWA goes directly to pay for our efforts in Lansing to pass legislation that benefits Michigan's water resources and the interests of waterfront property owners?

**Only You Can Help Amplify the Power of Our Collective Voice in Lansing By Becoming a Member and/or by Making
a Generous Donation to Michigan Waterfront Alliance !**

By becoming an Individual, Association, or Corporate member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance, and/or by making a donation to our non-profit organization, you will be contributing to enhancing our ability to help preserve and protect our extraordinary treasure of freshwater resources.

The fact is, a very large percentage of the funds generated by membership dues and your generous donations are utilized by our organization to fund our capacity to effectively lobby the state legislature on behalf of protecting Michigan's freshwater resources, and the unique interests of our member waterfront communities. In the coming year, for example, Michigan Waterfront Alliance will be engaged in intensive lobbying efforts focused on encouraging our state legislature to (finally!) create a sustainable revenue source with which to fund the management of an increasingly

destructive array of aquatic invasive species that continue to invade and degrade our inland lakes, streams, and wetlands. Our lobbying efforts will also focus on restricting the operation of wake boats to areas of large lakes that will help ensure that shorelines and critical shallow water habitat are not damaged or destroyed. As a founding member and key partner in the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force, Michigan Waterfront Alliance will also continue to work on a collaborative basis in 2020 with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to develop and implement new programs and initiatives intended to prevent or minimize the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals.

Please consider becoming a member, and/or of donating to Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

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Michigan Waterfront Alliance is a proud member of the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

A Collaborative Partnership Dedicated to Protecting Michigan's Vast Heritage of High Quality Inland Lakes

The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership (MILP) is made up of a broad range of organizations and agencies that have a common interest - protecting inland lakes. Explore this site to learn more about Michigan's lakes, the organizations involved with the Partnership, and how you can be a part of the effort. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes. Most are high quality resources highly valued by society for recreation and as places to live. These cultural demands place significant stresses upon these ecosystems, often resulting in undesirable changes. How can these lakes be strategically managed to minimize undesirable changes and protect them for this and future generations?

The purpose of the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership (Partnership) is to engage state and local agencies, Native American Nations, outreach institutions (universities and other educational institutions), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses, industries and citizens in a collaborative effort to ensure the quality, sustainability and ecological diversity of lakes, while considering society's needs. The Partnership will promote communication and cooperation between partners, communities and citizens interested in the management of Michigan's inland lakes, educating leaders, and strengthening stewardship efforts.

The MILP Coordinating Council is the decision-making body of the Partnership. The Council sets the goals of the Partnership, and all Council Partners have a vote in the activities and policies of the Partnership. The Council currently meets four times per year. Coordinating Council member organizations are listed alphabetically below. Clicking on an organization name will take you to that organization's website.

To learn more about the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership, and its ensemble of inland lake protection focused collaborative organizations, [click here](#)



Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

- **Are you tired of funding the management of aquatic invasive species on your lake that were introduced by recreational boaters using the local MI Department of Natural Resources public boating access site?**
- **Are you just a bit angry that recreational boaters using your lake are not being asked to contribute their fair share to combat the negative influences of aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you worried about the fact that your lakefront residential property values are being negatively influenced by the steadily increasing presence of aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you concerned about the fact that it is nearly impossible to find an inland lake in Michigan that does not currently host one or more potentially harmful aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you aware of the fact that inland lakes are Michigan's most valuable natural resource, and that our state legislature has thus far appropriated almost nothing in the way of budget resources to help ensure they remain healthy and viable?**

If your answer is yes to any of these important questions, please help ensure that your voice is heard in Lansing by joining Michigan Waterfront Alliance today.

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